

Dear FCC:re: NAB's petition 04-160

Obviously the National Association of Broadcasters feel threatened by the new medium of communications that promises to provide improved services for the public from a fairly recent mode of communication, the satellite.

I realize that the lobbyists are putting pressure on you, however, please keep in mind that it is our right as US Citizens to be allowed to improve our lives. An analogy might be one of the horseshoe maker. What if when cars were first introduced, you were persuaded by some sort of convoluted logic that ?they? used to persuade you that "Horses are here to stay", and the car shouldn't have the right to ?threaten our livelihood?, even though the car appears to be something that would help America? Thank God that argument obviously didn't hold up, because if it did, I would not be able to send this to you electronically. Please allow XMSR and any other satellite medium to provide me with weather and traffic. I do a lot of driving, and if you take this opportunity away from me, you are engendering not only a limit to my right to have an improved service, but also are threatening my very existence, since if an accident etc. happened and I didn't know about it because you didn't let me, I could be put into a precarious situation which could have been avoided by allowing me to exercise my rights.

So, Please let the new medium of satellite help me with my existence, and please don't try to stop progress.

Regards,

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